

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BEGINS TECHNICAL REVIEW FOR AK STEEL CORPORATION, KANSAS CITY

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has begun a technical review of a hazardous waste permit application submitted by AK Steel Corporation, Kansas City (AK Steel), located at 7001 Winner road in Kansas City, Missouri. This application has been submitted for renewal of their Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Facility (MHWMF) Part I permit and Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) Part II permit, which expired February 16, 2004.

AK Steel is an inactive steel manufacturing facility. Four closed hazardous waste dust landfills remain on the property. Historically, the landfill was used for the disposal of electric furnace baghouse dust created during steel production. The landfill is currently covered with about three feet of dirt and a good vegetative cover. The main hazardous materials of concern at the facility are lead, cadmium, zinc, arsenic, and various volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds. Under their current MHWMF Part I permit, AK Steel is required to monitor, maintain and, if necessary, perform corrective action at the hazardous waste dust landfill. Under the current HSWA Part II permit, AK Steel is required to investigate and clean up the areas of the property where the presence of hazardous waste and hazardous materials may pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Twenty-nine Solid Waste Management Units (SWMU) and Areas of Concern (AOC) have been identified at the facility. A Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation has been conducted to assess potential releases to the environment from these areas. AK Steel is required to conduct further investigations at these areas and take appropriate corrective actions. AK Steel has implemented some interim steps to help clean up or contain releases or potential releases at the SWMUs and AOCs, which may pose an immediate threat to human health and the environment. Oversight responsibility for AK Steel's investigation and corrective action activities will move from EPA to the department, once the MHWMF Part I and HSWA Part II permits are reissued.

Citizens can review the permit application at the following locations:

Kansas City Public Library
Northeast Branch
6000 Wilson Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri
Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.---Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.---Friday and Saturday
1 a.m. to 5 p.m.---Sunday

or, by appointment at either of the following department offices:

Kansas City Regional Office
500 Northeast Colbern Road
Kansas City, Missouri
Phone: (816) 622-7000

Hazardous Waste Program
1738 East Elm Street (lower level)
Jefferson City, Missouri
Phone: (573) 522-3345

Citizens are invited to review and comment on the permit application. Please send written comments to Julie Pearson, P.E., at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Hazardous Waste Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. For further information, call Ms. Pearson at (573) 751-3553 or 1-800-361-4827.